

REPORT ON H.R. 6072, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-750) on the bill (H.R. 6072) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

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RECOGNIZING JAMIE DUPREE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize an innovative journalist, Jamie Dupree, who is an example of perseverance in the face of adversity.

Jamie is a familiar face to all of us in the Capitol, covering the goings-on and not-goings-on of Congress. However, he was stricken with Tongue Protrusion Dystonia, which left him unable to speak—a radio reporter unable to speak.

Never one to let adversity get him down, Jamie enlisted the help of a company named CereProc, which, using his old audio archives, built a Jamie Dupree voice app. When paired with a text-to-speech program, Jamie will be able to type a radio story, and the program will generate a recorded report in his new voice.

Mr. Speaker, Jamie Dupree is an example for every American who has been afflicted with disease. Tenacious, intelligent, determined, he is a credit to his esteemed and essential profession, the media, and to his organization, the Cox Media Group.

Way to go, Jamie Dupree. We are all with you, buddy.

MIGRANT FAMILY SEPARATION

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with an aching heart for the innocent children being ripped from their parents' arms at our Nation's borders.

Families fleeing violence with legitimate claims of asylum are having their children taken from them thanks to an inhumane policy put in place by this administration. Weeping 2- and 3-year-olds have been forced onto immigration buses specifically equipped with car seats to be held in overcrowded cages, a crisis of this President's own making.

What kind of a country tears hundreds, if not thousands of families apart, inflicting trauma on the young and vulnerable? What happened to "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses"? What happened to America being a beacon of hope?

This zero tolerance policy betrays our core values, and it must stop immediately. I have joined my friend and colleague, Congresswoman DELAURO, as a cosponsor of her resolution condemning this policy, and I call on the administration to halt this horrendous practice and exercise some compassion for those who need it most.

CELEBRATING RAMADAN MUBARAK

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, as the month of Ramadan comes to a close this week, I rise to wish the Muslim residents of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District Ramadan Mubarak.

Over the last several years, I have appreciated the opportunity to break fast at an iftar with a number of these residents, including a recent iftar at the Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh.

Ramadan is a holy month for reflection and celebration for those in the Muslim faith. Ramadan also offers an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate the tapestry of the people that makes up our Nation and our Bill of Rights that recognizes as the first of our freedoms the free exercise of religion.

Mindful of the violence that affects those practicing their faith in other lands here, I think particularly of the more than 100 Afghan soldiers the Taliban killed last year at a mosque in Mazar-i-Sharif, or the 14 Afghan Muslims killed when a mosque was bombed in Khost recently. Let us reassert that no one should ever be killed for their faith. May this month of Ramadan be the beginning of a new effort to achieve a lasting peace in troubled lands.

ANNIVERSARY OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, when will my Republican colleagues divorce themselves from the NRA? Despite all the uncertainties in this world, there seems to be one truth, that there will be no Republican action on gun violence.

That is what the NRA stands for: No Republican Action. That is what the NRA pays for when it funnels tens of millions of dollars into our Federal elections.

Two years ago, 49 people were shot to death by a crazed gunman in a night-

club in Orlando, Florida. On this, the anniversary of that massacre, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring those who were lost by uplifting the spirits of their families.

Mr. Speaker, to truly honor the lives lost at the Pulse nightclub, in Las Vegas, at Parkland in Florida, and in communities every day across this Nation, we have to change our laws, and we have to do it now.

WISHING PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the occasion of former President George H.W. Bush's 94th birthday. He is the first U.S. President to turn 94 years old, and he has lived a lot of life in those years.

President Bush is marking the occasion at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine. He won't celebrate by skydiving, as he has in past years, but, rather, with a low-key affair surrounded by family.

President Bush has remained active in public life, and he has emphasized the importance of volunteerism. In a column in today's USA Today, his son, Neil Bush, encouraged Americans to follow his dad's example of volunteer service to make our Nation stronger, kinder, and more united.

Neil said: "It's an important lesson Dad instilled in me, the idea that we have the freedom to serve and that the choice to serve can define the type of life you live. In my father's words, 'Any definition of a successful life must include serving others.'"

Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more, and I wish our 41st President a very happy birthday.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 120th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. About 120 years ago, U.S. actions turned promises of freedom into false hope.

Though Filipino rebels fought alongside our troops to end colonial Spanish rule, the Philippines became a U.S. territory, not a nation. Filipinos only achieved independence in 1946, after decades of further bloodshed.

Despite this unfortunate past, we have moved forward together. I am proud to represent one of the largest Filipino communities in the world anchored in Daly City. Filipino Americans make countless contributions to our society, from Bruno Mars' songs to servicemembers' brave sacrifices.

Even when our leaders don't share our values, the people of the United

States and the Philippines together remain committed to democracy, human rights, and self-determination.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JERRY LEE LOUPEE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of my friend, Mr. Jerry Lee Loupee, who passed away on May 28 at the age of 83.

During my time being involved in politics in Chatham County, I got to know Jerry Loupee. I got to know him and his wife, Bonnie, because they were stalwarts. They were strong supporters of the Republican Party.

Jerry was an integral part of the Skidaway Island Republican Club, the Chatham County Republican Party, and many charitable organizations around the world, always striving to make the world a better place to live.

Jerry said: "If you teach your children compassion, you have done half the job of raising them right."

At home, he served to protect Georgia through the Georgia State Defense Force. Abroad, he worked for 31 years for Hercules Inc. in Pakistan, Taiwan, and Thailand, before coming back to his home in Savannah.

Recently, Jerry and Bonnie had moved back to their home in Iowa. My wife, Amy, and I had the opportunity to visit with them before they moved. I am glad we had that final opportunity to be with Jerry.

Bonnie, please know that we love you very much, and we share with you in the celebration of Jerry's life. Jerry was a true friend to many in Savannah and around the world, and he truly will be missed.

#### NORTH KOREA SUMMIT

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, just 6 months ago, my constituents and people all across Hawaii received a harrowing alert that came across their cell phones saying that a ballistic missile was incoming and to take cover immediately.

It turned out to be a false alarm, but the terror that my family, friends, people all across the State of Hawaii experienced was very real, shining a light on the stark reality and the seriousness of the North Korean nuclear threat that hangs over them and this country.

The agreement that came from the U.S.-North Korea summit that just concluded late last night, committing North Korea to complete denuclearization, is a first step, but there is far more work to be done. We have to be vigilant to make sure that the details of this deal ensure complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization of North Korea.

You hear talking heads on TV talking about who put up more points on the scoreboard, missing the seriousness and the actual point of what we are dealing with, that this is not a game. There are lives at stake.

In the interest of peace and humanity, we should all be rallying around our country's success and continuing to pursue diplomacy and peace to remove this threat and denuclearize North Korea.

#### HONORING THE VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

(Mr. KIHUEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Vegas Golden Knights for their monumental accomplishments this past season.

Mr. Speaker, who knew there would ever be a winning hockey team in the desert? Never underestimate the people of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada.

The story of the Vegas Golden Knights is truly inspiring and symbolic of the strength and perseverance and unity in the Las Vegas community.

Following the October 1 shooting, a unique bond was created between Nevadans and the Golden Knights that helped mend a city that was torn apart by a devastating massacre. The community rallied around a hockey team made up of players from teams around the country. They called them the "Golden Misfits."

These players fostered relationships that led to a magical season that will never ever be forgotten. The Golden Knights set an NHL record for an expansion team with 51 wins, along with a trip to the Stanley Cup finals.

I would like to congratulate and thank the owners, the players, the coaches, and the fans, as well as the Washington Capitals on their first Stanley Cup championship.

Mr. Speaker, Las Vegas and the Golden Knights will always be Vegas born, Vegas strong. Go Knights go.

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#### 2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BACON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. DEMINGS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, today marks 2 years since the Pulse shooting. Tonight, my colleague Congressman SOTO and I stand on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to honor and remember the victims of that horrible night.

The Pulse attack was the second worst mass shooting marring American history, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil since 9/11, and the worst attack against the LGBTQ population in our history.

This evening, in our hometown of Orlando, thousands of people are gathered, like they were 1 year ago and 1 year after that. They gather to mourn, to honor, and to pay tribute to the 49 lives we lost on June 12, 2016, just as we do here tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I wish I could be there with my friends, neighbors, and loved ones in Orlando, but I felt it was important to be here, fulfilling our duty as Members of Congress. We stand here tonight on the floor of the House of Representatives so that the world will not forget the lives we lost in the Pulse nightclub shooting.

This month, we are celebrating Pride Month. June 1 was Gun Violence Awareness Day. For the men and women at Pulse 2 years ago, the nightclub was a refuge. It was a haven for our LGBTQ community and their friends; and particularly, it was Latin Night, and they gathered to celebrate. It was a place where, my bishop likes to say, they were there for a late night fellowship.

This is what I want to emphasize. The victims at Pulse, like every other mass shooting, were not in the wrong place at the wrong time. They were living their lives, taking refuge in song, dance, joy, and celebrating their common humanity at a time when the common humanity of LGBTQ Americans was not, and it is still not, universally recognized in our country.

It was supposed to be, Mr. Speaker, like any other Saturday night for the men and women inside the Pulse nightclub. It was about 2:02 a.m., when everyone was closing their tabs for the night and about to head home. That is when an ISIS-inspired gunman walked into the club with an assault rifle and a handgun. Within a few minutes, he killed 49 people and wounded 53 others.

The innocent men and women in the club didn't stand a chance against the gunman. We will return to that point later. The fact is that the weapons available to this gunman made his attack, in many instances, as bad as a battlefield.

Orlando lost 49 lives that night; we lost 49 lives that night. Many others have had their lives changed forever. But after the attack, we saw our community come together. We donated blood together. We raised money together, and we mourned and grieved together. Mr. Speaker, tonight we continue to mourn, and we continue to grieve.